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## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Hon. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 19, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections and entry of the present amendments to the claims. This Amendment is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time and the necessary fees.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 3, 7, 9, 10, 58-63, 66, 82-85 and 95 without prejudice.

1.

(Once\Amended) A method of modifying the content or composition, or content and composition, of a metabolite in the storage organ of a plant, said metabolite selected from the group consisting of oil (fatty acid), starch, soluble non-starch polysaccharide, insoluble non-starch polysaccharide, fibre, and protein nitrogen, said method comprising: